Government are governed by the standard requirements of financing annual plans as approved by Planning Commission.

Adverse effect of Economic Policies on Small Scale Industries

1286. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the economic policy of the Government has considerably raised the rupee value in international area :

(b) if so, what is the percent thereof when compared to the past;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that the small scale industry stands crushed due to the new Economic Policy of the Government; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to save the sinking small scale industrial units and its labour ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) and (b) The exchange rate of the Rupee *vis-a-vis* selected major world currencies before the new economic policy and now are given below.

(Rupees per unit of foreign currency)

Currency	June 28, 1991	November 25, 1992		%Depreciation (—)	
		Official Rate	Market Rate*	Official Rate	Market Rate*
US dollar	21.0888	25.8900	30.0571	—18.5	—29.8
Pound Sterling	34.3600	39.4952	45.8190	—13.0	—25.0
Deutsche mark	11.7160	16.2401	18.8501	—27.9	—37.8
Japanese yen	0.1527	0.2091	0.2430	—27.0	—37.2
French franc	3.4543	4.7838	5.5538	—27.8	—37.8

*FEDAI Indicative rate.

(c) and (d) The New Industrial Policy does not take away any of the concessions/facilities enjoyed by the small scale industrial units like the reservations of products for exclusive manufacture in the SSI sector, its priority for bank finance etc. The Government has already announced the small scale Industrial Policy in August, 1991 the primary objective of which has been to impart more vitality and growth-impetus to the sector to enable it to contribute fully to the economy particularly in terms of growth of output, employment and exports.

Bank loan to SSI Units

1287. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 137 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th November, 1992 and state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide bank loans to SSI units, particularly tiny and village industries at lower or concessional rates of interest;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what further steps are proposed to be taken to ease the flow of bank finance to SSI sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the Reserve Bank of India have reported that the SSI Sector already currently enjoys

certain concessions in respect of the rate of interest on term loans over Rs. 25,000/- as under :

Size of credit limit	Rate of interest for SSI, agriculture and transport operators upto two vehicles	Other types of borrowers
		(percent per annum)
Over Rs. 25,000 and upto Rs. 2 lakhs	15.0	16.6
Over Rs. 2 lakhs	15.0 (minimum)	18.0 (minimum*w.e.f.* 9-10-92)

Further, interest rates on advances below Rs. 2 lakhs, range between 11.5% to 16.5% based on the size of the loan.

(c) RBI continually monitors the flow of bank finance to the SSI sector, incorporating adjustments when required, and will continue to do so.

मुद्रा प्रसार में वृद्धि

1288. **श्री वीरेनद्र जे० शाह :**
डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान मुद्रा प्रसार में लगातार वृद्धि हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1989-90, 1990-91 और 1991-92 के दौरान मुद्रा प्रसार में हुई वृद्धि का वर्षवार प्रतिशत कितना है ;

(ग) चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के पूर्वार्द्ध अर्थात् सितम्बर, 1992 के अन्त तक मुद्रा प्रसार में कितने प्रतिशत वृद्धि हुई ;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान मुद्रा प्रसार में कुछ वृद्धि होने देने का निर्णय लिया है ;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो यह वृद्धि कितने प्रतिशत है; और

(च) वित्तीय वर्ष 1989-90 के अन्त में तथा सितम्बर, 1992 के भी अन्त में देश में मुद्रा प्रसार की मात्रा कितनी-कितनी थी ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हलबीर सिंह) : (क) से (च) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक से सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और इसे सदन के सभा पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा ।

Code for regulating advertisements

1289. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that advertisement Standards Council of India had drawn up a code for regulating advertisements for children as consumers ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that the code has been violated, if not, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being taken to check such violation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) and (b) In so far as All India Radio and Doordarshan are concerned, advertisements carried by these media are governed by their own codes for commercial advertising. The relevant portions of these codes relating to children are shown in the attached statement. (*See* below)